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### Leadership Iowa 2023-24 Participants & Community Hosts Announced

Forty leaders from across the state have been selected to participate in the 2023-24 program of Leadership Iowa, Iowa's premier issues-awareness program offered by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation. **See the Leadership Iowa 2023-24 participant list [here](#).**

More than 1,300 Iowans have taken part in the program since it began in 1982. Participants represent all regions of the state and a variety of industries, companies, and backgrounds. Leadership Iowa exists to educate, inspire, and grow a network of informed leaders, and to encourage their ongoing engagement on local and statewide levels.

"We are excited to welcome another group of Iowa leaders in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Leadership Iowa program," said ABI President, Mike Ralston. "This experience not only provides first-hand exposure to opportunities and challenges across the state, but it also fosters a strong network of problem-solvers ready to create a brighter tomorrow for the state of Iowa and the communities within."

The 2023-24 class will travel to communities throughout Iowa for a series of two-day monthly sessions beginning in October and concluding in June. Each session allows participants to delve into an important topic as it relates to our state by way of discussions with subject-matter experts, interactive experiences, industry tours and more.

Session topics and hosts change annually. The following communities and topics will be represented this year:

- Winterset – Opening Retreat (*October*)
- Carroll County – Agriculture and Renewable Resources (*November*)
- Fairfield – Manufacturing (*December*)
- Des Moines – Government (*January*)
- Dubuque – Healthcare (*March*)
- Grinnell – Education (*April*)
- Forest City – Workforce & Economic Development (*May*)

The class will graduate at ABI's annual conference next June in the Quad Cities.

The 2023-24 Leadership Iowa program is supported this year by presenting sponsors EMC Insurance and Grinnell Mutual. Additional sponsors of this year's program include: CIPCO, Community State Bank, Emerson, the Iowa Soybean Association, Farm Bureau Federation, MidAmerican Energy Company, Neumann, Pella Corporation, and Winger Companies.

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